

OUR CITY COUNCILMEN

Doings at the Adjourned Meeting Held Last Night.

MANY BILLS CONSIDERED

Talk About Various Matters of Interest to Taxpayers—Bids for Supplies—Stub-born Hackmen.

BUTTE, Dec. 18.—The city council held an adjourned meeting to-night, with Mayor Mueller presiding, and Aldermen Hines, Harrington, McDermott, Pascoe, Lynch, Bowman, Maule, Barret, Grandy, Stewart, Dugan and Dawson present.

A petition was received from Harry Brennan for a license to conduct an intelligence office on East Broadway. Granted.

A petition for the transfer of a liquor license from August Anderson to John Miller was granted.

The sewer tax of the Mountain View M. E. church amounting to \$137.30 and the Congregational church, \$96.15, was refunded.

County Treasurer Kessler's bill of \$500 for collecting city taxes was allowed.

A city warrant, dated 1887, and not bearing the city seal, and there being no record of it having been registered, was refused payment and action on it deferred indefinitely.

The county assessor's bill was referred to the finance committee.

Alderman Barret brought up the subject of the city hall clock which runs down occasionally and there being no duly authorized person to wind it, and it was decided to appoint Fire Chief Murray to attend to that matter.

Mr. Barret referred to the city's outstanding indebtedness, and mentioned the fact that while all the taxes have been collected, the city still finds itself in debt to the amount of about \$40,000. The matter was discussed for some time, and the subject was then referred to the ways and means committee for the purpose of looking up some money or means to liquidate the debts now due.

A bill for \$428 was received from the company from which the city hook and ladder truck was bought, for repairing the truck, after having agreed to do the work for nothing. Alderman Lynch moved to lay the bill on the table and notify the company of the action, which was done after a little talk.

Health Officer Roberts was present and made a short report on the health of the city, saying that there are no contagious diseases in town, and that aside from the smoke of the past week the conditions are favorable to continued good health and a low death rate.

Mayor Mueller made a report of the smoke injunction proceedings, and then Alderman Barret wanted to know who is responsible for the expense incurred in covering up the heap roasts, but no one enlightened him, and the council proceeded to consider bids to furnish 1,000 feet of fire hose.

The New York Belting and Packing company bid 75 and 95 cents per foot; the United States Supply company of New York, 88 and 77 cents; Butte Hardware company, 95 cents; Home Rubber company, Trenton, N. J., 90 and 70 cents; Gutta Percha company, Chicago, \$1; Watress Engine company, St. Paul, \$1; Chicago Fire Hose company, \$1, less 5 per cent.; Eureka Fire Hose company, Portland, Ore., \$1. The bids were referred to the fire committee. While the members of it were considering the samples of hose submitted, the rest of the council discussed the resolution passed some time ago, requiring a certified check of 25 per cent. to accompany all bids. As no checks were asked in the hose bids, none were received and Alderman Barret wanted the resolution reconsidered, but Lynch suggested that as a way to get around the trouble the successful bidder be notified of the acceptance of his bid upon the giving of a certified check for 25 per cent. of the contract price to insure the guarantee. Barret's motion was put and passed and then Alderman Pascoe of the fire committee reported in favor of the bid of the Chicago Fire Hose company and made a motion in accordance with Mr. Lynch's suggestion, which was adopted.

Mr. Lynch then brought up the hack ordinance, and said he considered it incomplete and that it did not protect people coming to the depots on the various trains from the annoyance of hackmen. Mr. Dawson said the hackmen were uncontrollable at the depots, and especially in the cases of women; they would grab their satchels as soon as they got off the trains, and actually force them to ride up in a hack. The depot policemen are powerless. Other cities compel hackmen to remain within four feet of their hacks, and Mr. Dawson moved that the ordinance be amended to that extent.

Mr. Barret said he knew of a case where two hackmen nearly pulled to pieces an old paralytic and actually tore his clothes. The men got into a fight over the passenger and finally brought him up town half dead.

Hines did not believe in protecting the railroad companies' passengers by paying for an extra policeman to look after hackmen. Harrington wanted the railroad companies to put a fence around the depot platform, and if they violate their privileges arrest them for intruding, and with this the council adjourned.

Caused by Fog.

BUTTE, Dec. 18.—The dense fog which enveloped the city to-night was the cause of a number of collisions between street cars and vehicles. As car No. 40 was in the neighborhood of Missoula gulch this evening, about 6 o'clock, it collided with a car approaching the city from the opposite direction. By some mistake both cars were allowed to run on the same track. The front board of car 40 was demolished, and the motorman, Davis, was slightly injured about the legs. The Meaderville cars ran into several wagons, but no damage to amount to much resulted.

A Pleasant Entertainment.

BUTTE, Dec. 18.—The high school forum gave a pleasant entertainment this evening, which was enjoyed by a large number of the friends of the pupils. The songs, declamation and instrumental music were rendered in a skillful and entertaining manner. The performance of Messrs. Major, Ott and Oats and Miss Innis on the mandolin and guitar was fine, and elicited loud applause. The instrumental solo by Florence Smith was pleasantly executed, and showed excellent execution for one so young. The affair lasted until 9 o'clock.

A Fatal Blast.

LEADVILLE, Col., Dec. 18.—A premature blast in the Busk tunnel last night killed John Malley and John Starbeck and fatally wounded Charles Olsson and seriously injured two others.

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A PRIZE SLEEPER.

Walkerville Has a Regular Rip Van Winkle.

WALKERVILLE, Dec. 18.—A remarkable case of somnolency has recently appeared in the city. Thomas Leary evidently has entered upon a regular Rip Van Winkle nap, and it is impossible to arouse him from the sleep which he begun last Wednesday. Leary is a young man about 28 years old, and has been engaged in mining for a long time. On several occasions he has acted queerly and has manifested unmistakable signs of insanity. A few months ago he wandered out into the low lands while suffering from a temporary aberration of mind, and when searching parties found him he was horribly emaciated from want of food.

During the past few years he has strayed away on several occasions, and at such times a total abstinence from food has always characterized his fits of insanity. Last Wednesday night an acquaintance of Leary's went to his room in the Shipman building for the purpose of getting him to go down to Butte. The young man was lying on the bed with his face upwards. His caller tried to arouse him but could not and went for help. Dr. Phillips was summoned, and on his arrival he labored for fully half an hour, but Leary's slumber went unmolested. He is breathing heavily with eyelids half closed, and beyond a slight gurgle caused by breathing gave no evidence of being alive. All day Thursday he lay in the same way.

Today he was again visited by Dr. Phillips, who determined to make a further inquiry into the strange case. The doctor applied electricity, as well as several other agencies known to the profession, but without avail, and to-night Leary is sleeping at the rate of 40 knots an hour and with good prospects of keeping it up all winter. Notwithstanding the fact that no nourishment has been given the young man the lack of it is not so apparent. His skin has a healthful color and no signs of emaciation or hunger. Dr. Phillips believes the condition of his patient to be the result of the affection of the brain, which has manifested itself before. The case will be brought to the attention of the county commissioners tomorrow.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL.

Preparing for the Holidays—A Short Vacation.

BUTTE, Dec. 18.—The Butte public schools closed to-day for the usual holiday vacation and will reopen Jan. 4. During past term the schools have never been in better condition, and the parents of the children my congratulate themselves on the fact that, in spite of the disaffection among members of the board of trustees, the efficiency of the school under their charge has never been impaired. Several new courses of study have been introduced since the schools opened last fall and all have been found to be productive of good results. Among these new branches adopted is synthetic reading, which is the exponent of the inductive theory in teaching young pupils to read. In the High School, Principal Riley has introduced several new methods which facilitate the problem of acquiring knowledge. The chemical laboratory has been made more complete by the purchase of several pieces of apparatus invaluable to students of chemistry.

The weekly teachers' meetings are a decided factor for good. In these gatherings questions which have a practical bearing upon the methods of rendition are discussed, and the interchange of ideas cannot be otherwise than helpful. Mr. Riley has proven himself a competent leader of these meetings, and has a facility of inspiring the teachers with enthusiasm and interest.

The citizens of Butte may point with pride to their High School, for never in its history has such a high standard of learning been established in that institution. There is a good feeling between scholars and teachers which promotes a commendable spirit of trying to please and excel on the part of the former. This was manifested to-day when Miss Spafford and Miss Nevin were each presented on behalf of their respective pupils, with an elegant box of candy, Henry Trask doing the honors.

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SMOKE OF OTHER DAYS

Only Remembrance Remains of the Death-Dealing Fumes.

STINK HEAPS SMOTHERED

People Breathe Free Once Again—New Methods Must Be Found to Help the Undertakers.

BUTTE, Dec. 18.—It was a god send that the heap roasts at Meaderville were covered just as they were, for otherwise life in Butte to-day would scarcely have been endurable. A dense fog filled the streets, and if the sulphurous fumes had been added to the fog, people would have choked. It was not possible to see across the street during the day, and crossing streets was a dangerous feat. Street cars kept bells jingling to warn teams and pedestrians that might be in their path. But it was little more than a fog, and people could draw a full breath in it, which is something they couldn't do in the smoke of the week previous.

Eighty men resumed work at the heap roasts this morning, and by 2 o'clock this afternoon all but one were entirely covered, and from that one only a small amount of smoke was issuing. By 4 o'clock that amount also was covered. Occasionally, however, the smoke would break out in a new spot, forcing its way through the dirt. So it was decided to put on a new shift of 40 men at 4 o'clock and another small force to-morrow morning to see that the smoke is turned back whenever it finds vent. A good job has been done and all concerned deserves credit for their share in it. Whatever smoke there may be in the future, it may be a relief to know that its quantity and intensity has been lessened very much by the putting out of the heaps.

Robinson & Stapleton, attorneys for the Boston & Montana company, to-day filed a demurrer to the complaint of Mayor Mueller, in the second suit against the smoke producing company, on the ground that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

The following affidavit was also filed by Mr. Mueller for an order to show cause why the company is not in contempt a second time:

Henry Mueller, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says: That he is the plaintiff in the above entitled action, and that as such he makes this affidavit; that the order to show cause in the above entitled action, issued by the said court, as will appear of record, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1891; that the said order prohibited a continuance of the acts complained of in the plaintiff's complaint, pending the further order of the said court; that notwithstanding the said order, the said defendant willfully, unlawfully and maliciously, and with intent to disregard the said order, and in contempt of said order, did cause the said operation of heap roasting, in the said order enjoined and restrained, and in the said complaint complained of, to be continued, and that a rule to show cause he entered by the said court against the said defendant, in accordance with the law and the practice of the said court, why the said defendant should not be punished for contempt as aforesaid.

Judge McHatten issued an order in accordance with the affidavit and both contempt cases will be heard to-morrow morning, and the demurrer at the same time. James Breen, formerly superintendent of the Parrot smelter, arrived in town this afternoon after a long trip East. He said he smelled the town when yet afar off, and the smoke war seems very like the one which was waged last winter when the people tried to introduce smoke consumers at the Parrot smelter.

"The people will have to stand this smoke—that is what it will end in," he said. "To stop heap roasting won't do any good. There will just so much sulphur be given off, and it will be here whether it comes from stacks or heap roasts."

Mr. Breen is to be superintendent for the Boston & Montana company at the new smelters in Great Falls. He will leave for there on Monday to assist in getting things ready. He thinks ere will be smelted at the new smelters about Feb. 1. He does not think, however, that the smelter at Butte will be abandoned, but that work will be continued here as formerly.

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